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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY JAMES CALLAGHAN STATEMENT ON  
AFRICA IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, JANUARY 14, 1975

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN'S STATEMENT ON AFRICA  
HELD NO SURPRISES. HE STRESSED THE EXCELLENT RELATION-  
SHIP NOW EXISTING BETWEEN BRITAIN AND HER FORMER  
COLONIES AND THE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS OF BOTH ON THE  
FUTURE OF AFRICA. HE SAID THAT HE FOUND A GREAT NEED  
FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN BOTH KENYA AND TANZANIA AND  
HAD PLEDGED WHATEVER HELP BRITAIN COULD OFFER. HE MEN-  
TIONED THAT NIGERIA HAD A SPECIAL POSITION FOR GREAT  
BRITAIN BECAUSE OF HER OIL RESOURCES AND THE OPPORTUNI-  
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TIES FOR EXPANDED TRADE. CALLAGHAN STATED THAT HIS TALKS

IN EACH COUNTRY COVERED THE IMPACT OF WORLD INFLATION, PROSPECTS FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS AND RELATIONS BETWEEN THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND THE EEC. HE SAID THAT HE FOUND A GENERAL DISPOSITION TO SIGN AN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC.

2. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT THE MAIN TOPIC OF HIS TOUR WAS THE PROBLEM OF RHODESIA AND HIS FIRST AIM WAS TO GET THE VIEWS OF THE COUNTRIES VISITED. HIS SECOND AIM WAS TO ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A COMMON POLICY WITH THE AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RECENT INITIATIVES OF PRESIDENTS KAUANDA, NYERERE AND SERETSE KHAMA, AND THOSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THAT IN EACH COUNTRY HE REPEATED THAT BRITAIN ACCEPTS AND WILL DISCHARGE HER CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO RHODESIA. CALLAGHAN STATED THAT HE WAS URGED TO CALL A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE AND IT WAS AGREED THAT BRITAIN AND ZAMBIA WOULD WORK TOGETHER TO PLAN THE STAGES WHICH COULD LEAD TO SUCH A CONFERENCE.

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3. CALLAGHAN EMPHASIZED THAT CONFIDENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS A VERY FRAGILE THING AND ADDED THAT THE EVENTS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS SHOW HOW EASILY BEGINNINGS OF MUTUAL TRUST CAN BE DESTROYED. HE STRESSED THAT THERE ARE TWO ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS LEADING TO A CONFERENCE. FIRST, EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD SECURING OBSERVANCE OF ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT WORKED OUT IN LUSAKA LAST MONTH. SECOND, TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING TO PAVE THE WAY TO A CONFERENCE. HE CALLED FOR RHODESIAN EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS TO GET TOGETHER AS EQUALS TO WORK OUT AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT. HE REPEATED THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD DO ANYTHING IT COULD TO ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT CONSISTANT WITH THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN. HE  
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ENCOURAGED THE ANC LEADERS TO ALLAY THE FEARS OF THE EUROPEAN POPULATION IN RHODESIA AS THEY NEEDED THE CONFIDENCE TO LOOK FORWARD TO A SECURE FUTURE IN THE NEW RHODESIA.

4. IN SOUTH AFRICA, HE SAID HE MADE CLEAR TO MR. VORSTER THAT BRITAIN DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE TO OPERATE ON THE BORDERS OF RHODESIA. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE INFORMED MR. VORSTER OF THE CHANGED BRITISH POLICY ON NAMIBIA AND THE SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT. THE QUESTION OF APARTHEID WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.

5. COMMENT: THE SPEECH WAS GUARDEDLY OPTOMISTIC IN TONE ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SEEMED TO BE ADMITTING THAT THERE WAS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE A SUCCESSFUL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE COULD BE CONVENED. QUESTIONS FOLLOWING SEEMED TO BE MODERATE AND MAINLY ENCOURAGING MORE BRITISH GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN TRYING TO REACH A SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN ISSUE.

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